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SUBJECT: BRITISH TO PROTEST CAMEROONIAN PRESS TREATMENT OF ENTEBBE  
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1. THE BRITISH CHARGE INFORMED THE AMBASSADOR THIS MORNING THAT HE INTENDED TO SEE THE ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER TO REGISTER A PROTEST "MORE IN SORROW THAN IN ANGER" CONCERNING PRESS TREATMENT OF THE ENTEBBE INCIDENT IN GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED DAILY CAMEROON TRIBUNE. WHAT UPSET THE BRITISH IN PARTICULAR WAS AN ARTICLE IN JULY 14 ISSUE ENTITLED "THE WESTERNERS FLY TO THE AID OF ISRAEL AT THE UN" IN WHICH GREAT BRITAIN AND OUR OWN ANTI-TERRORISM RESOLUTION WAS DESCRIBED AS"...TENDENTIOUS MANEUVERS ON THE PART OF THE ENEMIES OF AFRICA WHO NEVER CEASE TO HOLD FORTH PROPOSITIONS DELIBERATELY INTENDED TO DISCREDIT PRESIDENT IDI AMIN, UGANDA AND THE ENTIRE AFRICAN CONTINENT." ARTICLE CONTINUED TO SAY THAT IT IS"...UNIMAGINABLE" THAT AMIN COULD HAVE COLLABORATED WITH THE "PRO-PALESTINE COMMANDOS" WHEN HE HAD ALREADY NEGOTIATED THE RELEASE OF TWO GROUPS OF HOSTAGES. "INSTEAD OF INSULTING HIM, GREAT BRITAIN SHOULD HAVE THANKED HIM FOR HIS COMPORTMENT TOWARDS THE HOSTAGES...PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN HAS

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DELIVERED SOME NOTORIOUSLY IRRESPONSIBLE DECLARATIONS

TO DISCREDIT UGANDA ON THE SUBJECT OF MRS DORA BLOCH, THE ELDERLY LADY CONCERNING WHOM THE UGANDANS HAVE BEEN FALSELY CHARGED WITH HER DISAPPEARANCE." DESCRIBING MR PETER CHANDLEY'S DEPARTURE FROM UGANDA: "PRESIDENT AMIN HAD ASKED HIM TO LEAVE BECAUSE OF WHAT HE HAD SAID. HE WAS GREATLY PLEASED AT THE DEATH OF (THE UGANDAN) SOLDIERS." THE DORA BLOCH AFFAIR AND THE ANTI-PIRACY RESOLUTION WERE DEPICTED AS PARTS OF A ZIONIST PLOT WITH THE UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT OF THE US AND GREAT BRITAIN TO AVOID THAT ISRAEL BE CRITICIZED IN ANY WAY WHATSOEVER.

2. THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLES OMIT ALLEGED EVIDENCE OF AMIN'S COLLABORATION WITH THE TERRORISTS, THE STATEMENT OF CONSUL CHANDLEY THAT HE SAW DORA BLOCH AT ENTEBBE HOSPITAL THE DAY AFTER THE RAID, INTER ALIA. REPORTING BY RADIO CAMEROON AND BY THE OFFICIAL DAILY NEWS BULLETIN ACAP HAVE BEEN BALANCED AND HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM REUTERS, AFP AND OTHER SOURCES. THE BRITISH CHARGE, WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT MATTERHPRIMARILY CONCERNS UK, HAS ASKED WHETHER WE WERE ALSO CONSIDERING PROTESTING THE CAMEROON TRIBUNE ARTICLE. (FYI: WE ARE NOT.) HE WILL KEEP US INFORMED ABOUT RESULTS, IF ANY. THE CAMEROON TRIBUNE REPORT SEEMS OUT OF STEP WITH ACAP AND THE RADIO, AND PROBABLY REFLECTS ATTITUDES OF YOUNG AND SOMEWHAT MILITANT FOREIGN AFFAIRS EDITORS WITH WHOM WE ARE FAMILIAR. RATHER THAN CONTRIBUTE TO GETTING THEM IN TROUBLE THROUGH PROTEST ROUTED FROM MIN FONAFFAIRS, WE PREFER TO INCREASE USIS CONTACT WITH THEM: AND TWO EDITORS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED AS PRINCIPAL AND ALTERNATE FOR IV GRANTS THIS FALL.  
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